

REMARKS

It is noted that the certified copy and the claim for priority under 35 USC 119 have been placed of record.

The Office Action (Paper No. 4) states that claim 4 is allowable when written in an independent form. This has been done by writing claim 4 into its parent claim 1. The remaining claims 1-3 and 5-7 depend upon the now allowable claim 1 and, therefore, are allowable along with it.

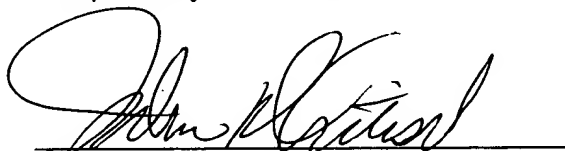
For the foregoing reasons, it is thought that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should disagree, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Any reasonably necessary amendments will be made promptly.

Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A connector comprising:

a conductive contacting portion having a contact point formed at its one end to be brought into contact with a mating object in a first direction at a predetermined position;

a spring portion supporting the contacting portion so that the contacting point is elastically movable in the first direction and a second direction perpendicular to the first direction; [and]

displacement maintaining means for maintaining the contact point in a specific condition such that the contact point is offset from the predetermined position in the second direction;

said displacement maintaining means releasing the specific condition when the contacting portion is moved in a direction opposite to the first direction;

the contacting portion being inclined in a direction intersecting with the first direction at an acute angle when the specific condition is maintained, and

the contacting portion being kept in substantially another direction parallel to the first direction under a restoring force of the spring portion acting in the second direction when the specific condition is released.

4. (Canceled).